

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A transistor, comprising:
2 a workpiece;
3 a doped region disposed in the workpiece, the doped region including a dopant species;
4 a doped gate dielectric disposed over the doped region of the workpiece, the doped gate
5 dielectric including the dopant species;
6 a gate disposed over the gate dielectric; and
7 a source region and a drain region formed in at least the doped region of the workpiece,
8 wherein the source region, drain region, gate, and doped gate dielectric comprise a transistor.
- 1 2. The transistor according to Claim 1, wherein the dopant species comprises at least one
2 Group V, VI or VII element.
- 1 3. The transistor according to Claim 2, wherein the dopant species comprises nitrogen or
2 fluorine.
- 1 4. The transistor according to Claim 1, wherein the doped region comprises a thickness of
2 about 100 Å or less.
- 1 5. The transistor according to Claim 1, wherein the dopant species fills vacancies in the
2 atomic structure of the gate dielectric.
- 1 6. The transistor according to Claim 1, wherein the doped gate dielectric comprises a high k
2 dielectric material or an oxide, and wherein the gate comprises a semiconductor material or a
3 metal.

- 1 7. The transistor according to Claim 6, wherein the doped gate dielectric comprises about 50
2 Å or less of Si_3N_4 , Al_2O_3 , Ta_2O_5 , HfO_2 , TiO_2 , HfSiO_x , ZrO_2 , or ZrSiO_x .
- 1 8. The transistor according to Claim 1, further comprising a thin insulating layer disposed
2 between the gate dielectric and the doped region of the workpiece.
- 1 9. The transistor according to Claim 8, wherein the thin insulating layer comprises a
2 thickness of about 10 Å or less.
- 1 10. The transistor according to Claim 9, wherein the thin insulating layer comprises silicon
2 dioxide or silicon oxynitride.
- 1 11. The transistor according to Claim 1, wherein the workpiece comprises a silicon-on-
2 insulator (SOI) wafer.

1 12. A method of fabricating a transistor, the method comprising:
2 providing a workpiece;
3 introducing a dopant species into the workpiece to form a doped region in the workpiece;
4 depositing a gate dielectric material over the doped region of the workpiece;
5 depositing a gate material over the gate dielectric material;
6 patterning the gate material and gate dielectric material to form a gate and a gate
7 dielectric over the doped region of the workpiece;
8 transferring the dopant species from the workpiece to the gate dielectric material to form
9 a doped gate dielectric material; and
10 forming a source region and a drain region in at least the doped region of the workpiece,
11 wherein the source region, drain region, gate, and doped gate dielectric comprise a transistor.

1 13. The method according to Claim 12, wherein introducing the dopant species comprises
2 introducing at least one dopant species comprising a Group V, VI or VII element into the
3 workpiece.

1 14. The method according to Claim 13, wherein introducing the dopant species into the
2 workpiece to form the doped region includes introducing nitrogen or fluorine into the workpiece.

1 15. The method according to Claim 12, wherein introducing the dopant species into the
2 workpiece to form the doped region comprises implanting ions of the dopant species into the
3 workpiece.

1 16. The method according to Claim 15, wherein implanting the ions of the dopant species
2 comprises an energy level of about 5 KeV or less.

- 1 17. The method according to Claim 15, wherein implanting the ions of the dopant species
2 comprises an implantation dose of about 1×10^{14} to 1×10^{15} ions/cm².
- 1 18. The method according to Claim 12, wherein transferring the dopant species from the
2 workpiece to the gate dielectric material comprises an anneal process.
- 1 19. The method according to Claim 18, wherein the anneal process comprises a temperature
2 of about 900 to 1050 °C.
- 1 20. The method according to Claim 18, wherein the anneal process comprises a spike anneal
2 process or a rapid thermal anneal (RTA) process.
- 1 21. The method according to Claim 18, wherein the anneal process comprises an anneal
2 process to form the source region and the drain region, or a separate anneal process.
- 1 22. The method according to Claim 21, wherein the separate anneal process is performed
2 after depositing the gate dielectric material, after depositing the gate material, or after patterning
3 the gate material and the gate dielectric material.
- 1 23. The method according to Claim 12, wherein introducing the dopant species into the
2 workpiece to form the doped region comprises forming a doped region having a thickness of
3 about 100 Å or less.
- 1 24. The method according to Claim 12, wherein depositing the gate dielectric material
2 comprises forming vacancies in the atomic structure of the gate dielectric material, and wherein
3 transferring the dopant species from the workpiece to the gate dielectric material comprises
4 filling the vacancies of the gate dielectric material.

- 1 25. The method according to Claim 12, wherein depositing the gate dielectric material
2 comprises depositing a high k dielectric material or an oxide, and wherein depositing the gate
3 material comprises depositing a semiconductor material or a metal.
- 1 26. The method according to Claim 12, wherein depositing the gate dielectric comprises
2 depositing about 50 Å or less of Si₃N₄, Al₂O₃, Ta₂O₅, HfO₂, TiO₂, HfSiO_x, ZrO₂, or ZrSiO_x.
- 1 27. The method according to Claim 12, wherein depositing the gate dielectric comprises
2 atomic layer deposition (ALD), chemical vapor deposition (CVD), or metal oxide CVD
3 (MOCVD).
- 1 28. The method according to Claim 12, further comprising forming a thin insulating layer
2 over the doped region of the workpiece, before introducing the dopant species into the workpiece
3 to form the doped region.
- 1 29. The method according to Claim 28, wherein forming the thin insulating layer comprises
2 depositing an insulating layer having a thickness of about 100 Å or less.
- 1 30. The method according to Claim 28, wherein forming the thin insulating layer comprises
2 forming silicon dioxide or silicon oxynitride.
- 1 31. The method according to Claim 28, further comprising removing at least a portion of the
2 thin insulating layer, after introducing the dopant species into the workpiece to form the doped
3 region.

1 32. The method according to Claim 31, wherein about 10 Å or less of the thin insulating
2 layer remains over the doped region of the workpiece, after removing at least the portion of the
3 thin insulating layer.

1 33. The method according to Claim 31, wherein removing at least a portion of the thin
2 insulating layer comprises removing all of the thin insulating layer.

1 34. The method according to Claim 12, wherein providing the workpiece comprises
2 providing a silicon-on-insulator (SOI) wafer.

1 35. The method according to Claim 12, further comprising, before depositing the gate
2 dielectric material:

3 depositing a dummy gate material over the workpiece;
4 patterning the dummy gate material with the pattern of the gate;
5 forming the source region and the drain region; and
6 removing the dummy gate material.

1 36. The method according to Claim 35, wherein introducing the dopant species into the
2 workpiece to form a doped region is performed either before or after forming the source region
3 and the drain region.